

## **Policy Statement – Michigan Tax Reform Proposal**

**As Adopted by the Executive Committee on March 16, 2011**

“The Detroit Regional Chamber endorses Governor Rick Snyder’s tax and budget plan for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and believes the Governor’s plan will lead to economic growth and job creation. Specifically, the Chamber asks legislators to support the Governor’s proposed Corporate Income Tax and Personal Income Tax reforms which will be a catalyst for job creation. Further the Chamber supports the Governor’s effort to balance the budget with a mixture of cuts and reforms that reflect Michigan’s economic reality. There are individual aspects of the plan that the Chamber may not support as standalone proposals, but we choose to look at the entire proposal and recognize that Governor Snyder’s proposal is a bold change that puts Michigan on a path to new prosperity. The proposal represents ‘shared sacrifice’ that insures that all Michigan’s residents and businesses have a financial stake in Michigan’s future. We encourage discussion that focuses on the end result, as opposed to efforts to defend the status quo.

The Chamber understands that policy makers may also have differences with individual aspects of the proposed solutions; we encourage legislators to resist temptations to increase or expand the Corporate Income Tax rate above 6% or re-institute the unfair double taxation of certain entities. Additionally, the Chamber remains committed to repeal of the Personal Property Tax which penalizes critical job creating investment in the state. Finally, the Chamber encourages the Governor and members of the Legislature to continue discussions with the business community that advance the shared goal of accelerating business investment and job creation in both established and emerging industries in Michigan’s urban and rural areas.”